



### Awards of Excellence Nominees Announced!

**Montreal, April 4, 2023 – Youth Media Alliance (YMA)** is pleased to announce **the nominees** for their **Awards of Excellence**. The winners will be revealed during a gala evening on **May 31<sup>st</sup> at CBC's Glenn Gould Studio in Toronto**. Based on the [YMA's Statement of Quality](#), jury members have selected the following nominees:

#### **Award of Excellence for Best Program, Live Action Non-Scripted (Preschool, Ages 3-5)**

- **Baby Baby** (Let's Explore) – produced by Imagine Create Media; aired on TVOkids
- **Curious Crafting** (Paper Plate Dinosaur) – produced by Riverbank Pictures; aired on TVOkids
- **Gabby's Farm** (Haudenosaunee Farm) – produced by Sphere Media; aired on TVOkids
- **The Fabulous Show with Fay and Fluffy** (I Can Be Kind to Animals) – produced by Lopii Productions; aired on Family Jr.

#### **Award of Excellence for Best Program, Live Action Non-Scripted (Ages 6-9)**

- **Backyard Beats** (Piano) – produced by Sphere Media; aired on TVOkids
- **Leo's Pollinators** (Fireflies) – produced by Fifth Ground Entertainment.; aired on TVOkids
- **My Home, My Life!** (My Up and Down Homes) – produced by Lopii Productions; aired on TVOkids
- **Raven's Quest** (Shine) – produced by Apartment 11 Productions; aired on TVOkids
- **Sunny's Quest** (Bishop) – produced by Apartment 11 Productions; aired on TVOkids

#### **Award of Excellence for Best Program, Live Action Non-Scripted (Ages 9+)**

- **All-Round Champion** (Hockey) – produced by marbledmedia; aired on BYUtv and TVOkids
- **Bull's Eye** (Social Media) – produced by Kasko Productions; aired on APTN
- **Know Brainers** (Overcoming fear – Monsters! Deadly heights! Basic swimming!) – produced by TVOkids; streamed on Youtube

#### **Award of Excellence for Best Program, Live Action Scripted (Preschool, Ages 3-5)**

- **Gary's Magic Fort** (The Fast and the Furriest) – produced by CBC Kids; aired on CBC
- **Miikshi** (Splash Landing) – produced by Shaftesbury and Gazelle Automations; aired on TVOkids and Shaftesbury Kids YouTube
- **Miss Persona** (Love Every Moment / When You Miss Someone) – produced by Balloon House Productions; aired on Treehouse
- **Polkaroo Reads!** (Letter I) – produced by GAPC Entertainment; aired on TVOkids

#### **Award of Excellence for Best Program, Live Action Scripted (Ages 6-9)**

- **Endlings** (Save Yourself) – produced by Sinking Ship Entertainment; aired on CBC
- **Ghostwriter** (The Ghost's Web Part 2) – produced by Sinking Ship Entertainment and Sesame Workshop; streamed on Apple TV+
- **Odd Squad** (End of the Road) – produced by Sinking Ship Entertainment and Fred Rogers Productions; aired on TVOkids
- **Proud to be Me – Anti Racism Special** – produced by CBC Kids; aired on CBC

#### **Award of Excellence for Best Program, Live Action Scripted (Ages 9+)**

- **Detention Adventure** (Mixed Media) – produced by LoCo Motion Pictures and Broken Compass Films; streamed on CBC Gem
- **Malory Towers** (The Stray) – produced by WildBrain and King Bert Productions; aired on Family Channel
- **Take Note** (Episode 106: Growth) – produced by Lambur Productions; aired on Family Channel
- **The Hardy Boys** (Episode 201: A Disappearance) – produced by Lambur Productions; aired on YTV
- **The Next Step** (My Philosophy) – produced by Boat Rocker; aired on YTV

#### **Award of Excellence for Best Program, Animation (Preschool, Ages 3-5)**

- **16 Hudson** (Out of Step) – produced by Big Bad Boo Studios; aired on TVOkids, Radio-Canada and ICI Tout.tv
- **Big Blue** (Goo in the Loo) – produced by Guru Studio; aired on CBC and Radio-Canada
- **Dino Ranch** (Adoptasaurus Rex) – produced by Boat Rocker and Industrial Brothers; aired on CBC, Disney Jr
- **Elinor Wonders Why** (Rest is Best) – produced by Pipeline Studios and SHOE Ink LLC; aired on TVO Kids and Knowledge Network
- **Jeremy and Jazzy** (Turtle and Guy) – produced by Vérité Films, Jeremy Fisher Music, Hidden Pony Records and Smiley Guy Studios; aired on CBC
- **Lucas the Spider** (Lucas the Pirate) – produced by Fresh TV and Wexworks Media; aired on Family Jr.
- **Mary and Flo on the Go!** (Chinatown Rundown) – produced by Shaftesbury; streamed on the Shaftesbury Kids YouTube Channel
- **Rosie's Rules** (Rosie's Twin Day) – produced by 9 Story Media Group and Brown Bag Films; aired on PBS Kids and TVOkids

#### **Award of Excellence for Best Program, Animation (Ages 6+)**

- **Daniel Spellbound** (The Cheat Code) – produced by Boat Rocker and Industrial Brothers; streamed on Netflix
- **Super Wish** (The First Birthday Cake / 100s & 1000s) – produced by Redknot; aired on YTV
- **Total Dramarama** (Gwen Scary, Gwen Lost) – produced by Fresh TV; aired on Teletoon

- **Run Jump Play** (Rachel Goes Bowling) – produced by Imagine Create Media; aired on TVOKids and Knowledge Network
- **Wild Kratts** (Cats & Dogs Special) – produced by 9 Story Media Group, Brown Bag Films, Kratts Brothers Company; aired on PBS and TVOKids

#### **Award of Excellence for Best Program, Short Form Content (Preschool, Ages 3-5)**

- **ABC Singsong** (Hot, Fast, Soft, Lots, Mad, Small, Cold, Tired, Yummy, Funny, Light) – produced by Goddard/Brown; streamed on TVOKids
- **Daisy & the Gumboot Kids** (Golden Gratitude Rocks) – produced by Imagine Create Media; aired on CBC
- **Happy House of Frightenstein** (Hide and Go Eek) – produced by Headspinner Productions; streamed on the Marble Kids Youtube channel and Family Jr.
- **Maria Mini Explorer** (Mini Maria's Kitchen Catastrophe, Mini Maria's Sand Castle Surprise, Mini Maria's Bug Safari) – produced by Turtlebox Productions; streamed on Peacock Jr.
- **Silly Paws** (Umbrella) – produced by CBC Kids; streamed on CBCKids.ca

#### **Award of Excellence for Best Program, Short Form (Ages 6+)**

- **Run Jump Play – Stories from the Autism Spectrum** (Jacob) – produced by Imagine Create Media; aired on TVO Kids and Knowledge Network
- **Street Cents** – produced by CBC Kids; streamed on TikTok
- **Super Wish Shorts** (Meet the Hoomans) – produced by Redknot; aired on Treehouse
- **TVO Arts** (Church in Yuquot Village / Emily Carr) – produced by Friends & Enemies, Together Animation and Eggplant Picture + Sound; aired on TVO
- **Wacky Media Songs** (Fake News!, Create the Hype!, Make Me Shine!, We'll Make Them Want It!, I Want Your Clicks!) – produced by Apartment 11 Productions; aired on TVOKids
- **YTV – The Zone, Zone Weekend, Big Fun Movies** (Mucho Marcho Mysteries) – produced by Sphere Media; aired on YTV

#### **Award of Excellence for Best Gaming or Interactive Experience**

- **Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum – Museum Maker** – produced by 9 Story Media Group, Brown Bag Films and Relish Interactive; available on pbskids.org
- **Rosie's Rules – Slime Store** – produced by 9 Story Media Group, Brown Bag Films and Curious Media; available on pbskids.org
- **Woodland Pawball** – produced by CBC Kids; available on [www.cbc.ca/kids](http://www.cbc.ca/kids)
- **TVO Arts Interactive** – produced by Friends & Enemies; available on [www.tvoarts.org](http://www.tvoarts.org)

#### **Award of Excellence for Best Podcast**

- **The Incredible Story of Afro-Canadians** – produced by Sabine Daniel
- **The Story Store** – produced by CBC Kids
- **Gardenkeeper Gus** – produced by Headspinner Productions

#### **Award of Excellence, Outstanding Youth Performer or Ensemble**

- **Odd Squad cast**
- **Michela Luci**
- **Happy House of Frightenstein cast**
- **Kamaia Fairburn**
- **All-Round Champion cast**
- **Ari Resnick**

**Congratulations** to all the **nominees** and we look forward to seeing you on **May 31<sup>st</sup>**! Tickets are onsale on the YMA intranet, 150\$ for YMA members and 175\$ for non-members. Visit [www.ymamj.org](http://www.ymamj.org) for more details.

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